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**STATUS INQUIRY**

An application was filed on August 22, 2003. However, since then Applicants have not received any Official Action from the Patent Office regarding the application. Inquiry is made as to when an Action will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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